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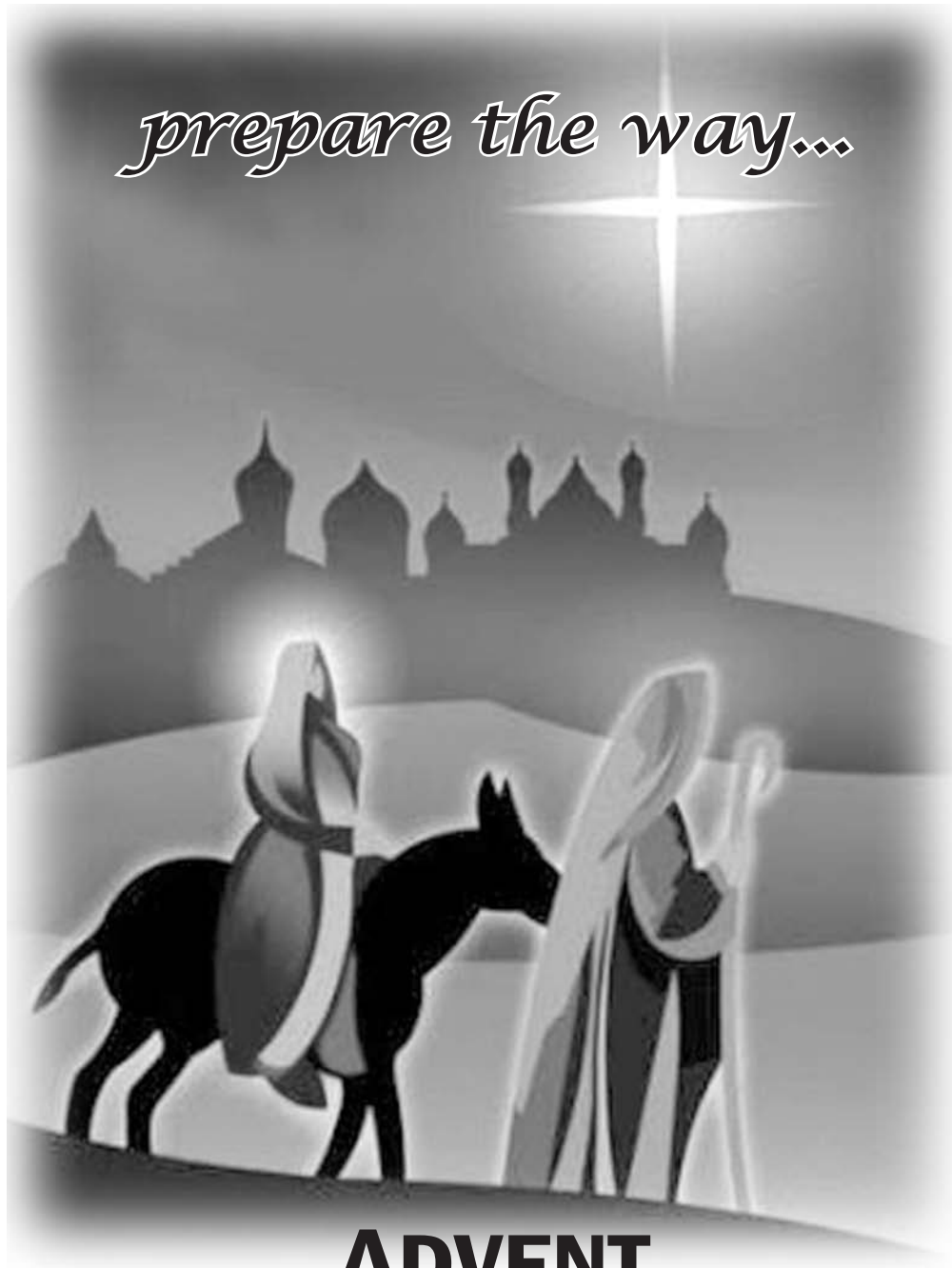
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Dear parishioners,

This week we enter into the joyful Christmas season. The anticipation has been building to celebrate the Birth of the Saviour. Hopefully by now we are not too exhausted!

I would also like to bring your attention to an upcoming feast that is of major importance for our parish. On January 3rd, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. In the Bible, names always have great significance. They have a meaning that is always connected to what they represent. The name of Jesus – hard to translate precisely – means “God saves” or “God rescues”, or even “God is my salvation”. How fitting a name it is, then, because Jesus is indeed the Son of God, and as the Divine Messiah he comes to save us. At Christmas, we especially think of this great saving work of the Messiah, and so our minds should also turn to his Holy Name.

Honouring the name of Jesus with a feast day in the Church goes back several centuries. When our parish was first beginning, over 100 years ago, our beloved ancestors recognized the importance of the name of Jesus. They would have also celebrated the great feast every year. And so, it was decided that our parish would be placed under the special patronage of the Holy Name.

Whenever a parish celebrates the feast of its patron, there are special graces that come. It is a day to give thanks to God, to celebrate with other parishioners, and to ask for continued blessings.

In less than 2 weeks, we will be celebrating the **Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus – Friday, January 3rd**.

That day also happens to be the First Friday of the year 2025, making it even more significant. We will have our usual 12:05pm Mass that day, as well as a special celebration in the evening. We will have a **Holy Hour beginning at 6 pm, and then at 7 pm a Mass for the feast.**

It would be wonderful if many parishioners could come together that day for Mass, either during the day or during the evening, to continue the Christmas joy by celebrating the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus!

Fr. Eric

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th – 12:05 pm Mass

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Tuesday, December 24th – 7:00 pm Mass

* Please note change of time*

Tuesday, December 24th – 10:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am (no ACC Mass at 12 noon)

Thursday, December 26th – 12:05 pm Mass

Friday, December 27th – 12:05 pm Mass

Saturday, December 28th – 9:00 am Mass

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday, December 28th – 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 29th – 10:00 am Mass; 12:00pm Mass (ACC)

Monday, December 30th – 12:05 pm Mass

Tuesday, December 31st – 12:05 pm Mass

FEAST OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, December 31st – 5:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, January 1st – 10:00 am Mass; 12:00pm Mass (ACC)

Thursday, January 2nd – 12:05 pm Mass

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS – PARISH FEAST DAY

Friday, January 3rd – 12:05 pm Mass; 6:00 pm – Exposition/Benediction; 7:00 pm – Mass

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 4th – 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 5th – 10:00 am Mass; 12:00 pm Mass (ACC)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. December 23rd

12:05 pm: **Gordon Stone +**

For the Intentions of Kateri Ryan

Thurs. December 26th

12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**

Fri. December 27th

12:05 pm: **Fr. Bill Comerford, C.Ss.R. +**

Sat. December 28th

5:00 pm: **Romeo A. Lopez +**

Sun. December 29th

12:00 pm: **Glory to God for Irene & Eric Sassa's Wedding Anniversary**

Readings for

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 29th, 2024*

1st Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128.1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-21

Gospel: Luke 2,41-52

Journey to Bethlehem

Joseph and Mary set out for Bethlehem. When they arrived there, the time came for Mary to have her baby and she gave birth to a son.

All of us are journeying to Bethlehem, where we hope to be born. I know we were born once. Nevertheless, we are still unborn, in the sense that our true and full self hasn't yet seen the light of day. When our second birth occurs, then all the gifts of grace and nature, which God gave us as seeds, will blossom and bear fruit. Our ultimate goal is the heavenly Bethlehem, where we shall see God face to face.

Merry Christmas from Holy Name Parish Staff



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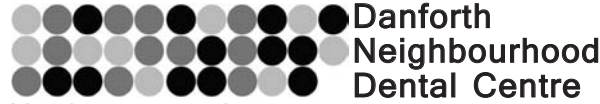
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